THE HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE G. ROHINI

W.P.No. 24063 of 2004

The petitioners, two in number, filed this writ petition seeking a declaration that the action of the respondents in continuing the rowdy sheet maintained against them as arbitrary and illegal and for a consequential direction to the respondents to close the said rowdy sheet.

The case of the petitioners is that they were falsely implicated in Cr.No.31/97 dated 14-1-1997 on the file of the Saifabad police station, that ultimately the said case against them ended in acquittal and that therefore maintaining the rowdy sheet against them by the respondents is arbitrary. It is stated that in spite of the fact that no other case is pending against them the respondents have been continuing the rowdy sheet opened against them in the year 1998.

In response to the notice issued, the Inspector of Police, Saifabad filed counter affidavit in which the fact that no cases are pending against the petitioners is not disputed. However, it is stated that in order to watch the movements of the petitioners surveillance is required. It is also stated that the petitioners made a representation requesting the 2nd respondent to close the rowdy sheet opened against them and the same is not yet considered and disposed of by the 2nd respondent.

Having regard to the stand taken by the respondents in the counter affidavit and particularly in view of the fact that the representation made by the petitioners for closure of the rowdy sheet is still pending consideration by the respondents, without expressing any opinion on merits, I deem it appropriate to dispose of the writ petition with a direction to respondents 1 and 2 to consider and dispose of the representation of the petitioners and pass appropriate orders as expeditiously as possible, preferably within a period of four weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order, such order shall be passed in

accordance with law in terms of the Standing Order No.742 of the A.P. Standing Orders as well as the guidelines given by this Court in ***S. SATYANARAYANA vs. STATE OF A.P.*** and communicate the same to the petitioners.

The writ petition is accordingly disposed of. No order as to costs.

02ND JANUARY, 2005

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